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and the upper part was white with sharp projecting points which resembled honeycombs. It would disappear when observed with the naked eye then would appear again.

"On the camera, it would look as small as a pin top then in 2-3 seconds it would grow as big as an orange. It looked like a flying saucer. Chairman Haktan Akdogan and the Sirius UFO Space Sciences Research Center has concluded this was a UFO".

The footage will be studied at Cukurova University. Thanks to Esen Sekerkarar MUFON Representative for Turkey for this report.

were much larger than a plane that's far away, and in the width especially. I would venture a guess that they were maybe around an altitude of 40,000 feet (12,000 meters). They darted up and down and horizontally in front of us for less than a minute and then darted towards the baseball park, where they didn't go directly over but more to the north side. Almost as if they hovered and then sharply flew north for a moment and then took a serious turn and headed south very quickly."

Jill described the saucers as "greyish, illuminated from inside, with no lights or trails, just surrounded by a brownish haze of sorts."

TWO NIGHT SAUCERS SEEN IN BRADENTON, FLORIDA

On Friday, March 26, 2004, eyewitness Jill E. reported, "At approximately 7:50 p.m., while trying the five-planet alignment over the moon, my 13-year-old son and I noticed two saucer-like shapes heading towards us. They were appearing to be racing one another but side by side, sometimes crossing each other's path," Jill reported. "They were quite large, no blinking lights, no sound at all, greyish in color.

"When they were positioned just under the moon, they turned sharply and headed south. It looked like they briefly slowed down over the baseball park (the park lights were on--J.E.) and then rapidly headed southbound, remaining next to one another but occasionally crossing paths.

"While they were side by side, they were in identical formation and going at the same speeds. One or twice, when they crossed, it seemed that they got out of sync but quickly went side by side again. We watched them head south until we could see them no longer from our balcony. The sky was quite clear, some small, light clouds, the temperature approximately 73 degrees (Fahrenheit), a light breeze coming off the bay. The shape of the crafts was almost almond, with some type of haze surrounding them, moving very, very rapidly. There were some distant planes in the sky, but none were moving at any rate close to the speed these two craft were going.

"I had a small map of the planet alignment that I was holding up and trying to relate Jupiter and Saturn to the left of the moon. My son first saw the objects and yelled at me to put the paper down. They approached from the west directly towards us but underneath the moon and definitely closer to us than the planets and the stars. I would say that they

Independent review of the first FSR Archive on CD

This review was published at www.ufology.org.uk in March 2004.

Title: Flying Saucer Review archive 1955 - 1957 inclusive. Volumes 1-3

Supplier: Flying Saucer Review (www.fsr.org.uk)

Reviewer: Joe McGonagle

Review date: 19th March 2004

Background:

Flying Saucer Review (FSR) was launched in the Spring of 1955, with Derek Dempster as its first editor. At the time, there were a variety of UFO journals, including "Flying Saucer News" published by the "British Flying Saucer Bureau and Flying Saucer Club" which was on issue number 8 at the time of the first issue of FSR. Most contemporary UFO publications were, however, produced in the USA.

FSR quickly built a reputation for including articles from non-English speaking countries, particularly Western Europe and South America. Many UFO reports from these countries were heretofore neglected by the popular journals, due to the language barriers and a natural inclination to focus on local events.

An interesting article on p.14 v.3 No.5 (July - August 1957) complains about a "new" US publication "Flying Saucers from other Worlds" using articles from FSR without credit or permission - clearly, little has changed in nearly 50 years!

Over the years, subscriptions to FSR like any other journal have fluctuated, but FSR has rode out the periods of low demand and still produces regular

issues today. Many of the other publications which flourished in 1955 have long since folded.

The CD:

The CD arrived in a padded envelope, ten days or so after I had ordered and paid for it. It comes with a standard plastic CD case, and an insert with a classic front-cover design similar to the front cover on the early issues. On the reverse of the insert is a short introduction and very brief instructions as to how to use the browsing utility, "IrfanView", which is included on the CD. The disc itself has a similar attractive classical decoration to the cover, making it easy to spot amongst a pile of other CDs.

IrfanView:

The supplied browser is ideally suited for viewing the pages on the CD. The simplest way to use it is to open up a windows explorer window, select the CD-ROM, and double-click on a file called "I_VIEW32". This launches the browser programme, from where you can select the folder you want to view and start browsing.

A problem that I encountered was that the default page-size was too big for my dinky screen, so each time I changed pages, I had to reset the display setting in the browser. To overcome this, I installed the browser on my PC hard-drive by running the set-up programme that is in the "IMAGE SOFTWARE" directory on the CD. The installation file-name is "iview385.exe".

Having installed the browser on your hard drive, you can then set the option "fit images to window" in the "view/display options" menu.

The content:

There is no way that I can review 17 entire issues of FSR in a single article, so I will have to provide an overview of the contents instead.

All of the pages are easily readable using the browser. The cover of each issue is also included (in colour), as are the advertisements, and I also found occasional "extras" - newsclippings, or typed pages which had been inserted between the pages of the magazine by someone and either deliberately or accidentally included with the scanned pages. These made a welcome bonus.

I also noticed some hand-written notes on many of the pages, which added to, rather than detracted from, the authentic look-and-feel of the pages. Unfortunately, I didn't come across any clues as to who had made the notes, and most of them were

trimmed or otherwise illegible.

There are a number of classical authors and UFO commentators represented in the articles, including Derek Dempster, Leonard Cramp, Brinsley le Poer Trench, Prof. Hermann Oberth, Dr. Carl Jung, Waveney Girvan, Arthur Constance, Wilfred Daniels, M.K. Jessup, and Desmond Leslie, to name a few of those which I recognise, plus many others whose names I didn't recognise.

Topics covered include Astronomy, sighting reports (from all over the world), space exploration, technology, reviews of publications and events, as well as more esoteric topics like "Psychokinesis" and alien contact.

Notable articles include one on "Strange Lunar lights" by W.K.Oliver from V2 No.4 (July-August 1956), "Flying Saucers and the Psychic" by Wilfrid Daniels, Vol.1 No.3 (July - August, 1955), "Mexican taxi driver meets saucer crew?" by Desmond Leslie, Vol.2 No.2 (March - April 1956), "Build your own UFOscope for saucer detection" by Ernesto Thayat, V2 No.4 (July-August 1956), "Flying saucers versus the supernatural" by George Adamski, Vol.3 No.5 (September - October 1957), "The physical proof you have been waiting for!", by Brinsley le Poer Trench, Vol.3 No.5 (September - October 1957). I could go on, but the list would be very long!

Many of the articles include photographs and/or drawings which are clearly reproduced. I was impressed with many of the technical drawings of UFOs, astronomical maps, etc the artists were working without the benefit of computers, remember.

On the topic of space exploration, these magazines cover a critical period, the run-up to the launching of the first Earth satellite, Sputnik I, on 4th October, 1957. It is interesting to read the views in the magazines, both accurate and wildly wrong, that were prevalent at the time we took our first footsteps towards space.

Verdict:

I have absolutely no hesitation in saying "Go out and buy this - NOW!", it will prove interesting to UFO enthusiasts and researchers, social and space historians, and the curious. At the price, it represents the best collection of historical material which I have had the pleasure to come across.

Product details:

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Obituary:

FSR 49-1, Spring 2004

Roy F Craig of The Colorado Project and the controversial Condon Committee.

From The Beacon Journal, Ohio, USA. March 2004

GNACIO, COLO.: Roy F. Craig, who worked on the nation's largest, most systematic investigation of flying saucers, has died of cancer. He was 79.

Craig died Thursday, Hood Mortuary in Durango, Colo., said. He died at his La Boca Ranch, a 186-acre former Indian trading post, according to The Durango Herald.

Craig was chief field investigator for The Colorado Project, the official government search for scientifically verifiable evidence of the existence of unidentified flying objects.

The three-volume Condon report that Craig co-authored debunked mysteries about outer space, yet Craig said UFOs did get people to think about the possibility of extraterrestrial life. End of obituary.

About the Colorado Project: From: <http://www.project1947.com/shg/articles/swordsec.html>

ABSTRACTS FROM THIS PROJECT

One of the most significant elements in the history of UFOlogy was the so-called Condon Project, centered at the University of Colorado in 1967-1968. This paper discusses the origin, methodological philosophy and overview of the research problem, the activities, results, and external impacts of this work. The paper finds a complex mix of personalities, attitudes, and theories enmeshed in political and social forces, which predestined the project's conclusions and crippled its ability to make any scientific contribution toward the solution of the UFO mystery. Its resultant impacts were nevertheless formidable, both negatively and positively.

THE ORIGINS OF THE COLORADO PROJECT

When telling a story one is told to begin at the beginning, but, time and life being continuous rivers stretching back into the past, where does one really begin?

Although starting with the Big Bang and working

forward to 1966 might be scientifically most defensible, perhaps beginning with one of my favorite people, J. Allen Hynek, would be preferable. Dr. Hynek, in his famous role as Project Bluebook scientific advisor, had been around the idea of transferring responsibility for UFO research to academia (or some more dedicated non-military research institutions) for over a decade. General Thomas D. White, USAF chief of staff, had suggested as early as 1955 that Air Force Intelligence turn over the UFO problem to an outside contractor, such as Battelle or Rand (Watson, 1955).

Hynek, and the military personnel at Bluebook, had in the interim toyed with the idea of enlisting NASA, the National Science Foundation, and the Brookings Institution for aid. In the summer of 1965, the Pentagon asked Hynek for his views on involving the National Academy of Sciences. Hynek replied in August of 1965 (Hynek, 1965). Hynek's letter to Colonel John Spaulding agreed that NASA involvement would strengthen the potential for solving both the scientific and the sociological problems, which the Air Force currently faced.

And, the structure, a working panel of committed experts, should include both physical and social scientists, and involve itself over a several month period.

Hynek's views, of course, were not acted upon with any immediacy, but they added to the Pentagon's rolling pot of opinions about how to get rid of the UFO problem. The next major step toward the Colorado Project grew out of this stew when a select committee of the Air Force's Scientific Advisory Board met to consider the issue in February of 1966. This was the "O'Brien Committee". The group met for one day, "considered" the information (if such a characterization can be allowed for such a brief affair), and recommended a strengthening of the UFO investigative program.

The major strengthening was to be accomplished by contracting a central university (with several allied universities to supply investigative teams) to coordinate in-depth research on about one hundred sightings per year and to be in immediate touch and cooperation with Project Bluebook. The project should be as public in its research as possible, and present its results regularly to interested congressmen (Steiner, 1966). This committee report was released in February of 1966.

Coincident with the release there arrived (mainly

in Michigan) one of the biggest UFO flaps in history. The flap energized the UFO community (especially NICAP and James McDonald), but more importantly for our story, it pushed the decision on a university study over the threshold. And Allen Hynek played a primary, and unwanted, role. Hynek's characterization of the Dexter-Hillsdale sightings as "swamp gas" unleashed a howl of anger, protest, ridicule, and raw publicity across the whole globe.

Congressmen became so put-off by the apparent USAF irresponsibility that they put heat on the Pentagon to explain how this could be going on. Gerald Ford essentially demanded an apology to his constituents. The level of grief doled out to Allen Hynek finally and inexorably pushed him over his threshold of loyal hyperconservatism as well.

Hynek, in a different style, initiated his own "coming out party" at the same time as the more aggressive, flamboyant McDonald. Within the House Armed Services Committee, he, Air Force Secretary Harold Brown, and Bluebook chief Hector Quintanilla were called to testify within a week of the swamp gas furor. Hynek strongly supported the O'Brien Committee recommendations for a university study, and the committee report was attached to the congressional hearings.

In May, the Air Force announced that it would begin looking for the recommended universities. Jim McDonald began lobbying for his own participation, and, in his usual over-enthusiasm, succeeded instead in convincing persons like Brian O'Brien not to consider him (or his university presumably). Allen Hynek wrote to Secretary Brown supporting his decision to place this in the hands of civilian scientists and out of the military. Little progress was made in getting a topflight scientist to take on the task, however.

Through the month of June the Air Force had no expressions of interest. In July the Air Force changed "salesmen" and tried again. At the very end of the month, Colonel Thomas Ratchford of the Office of Scientific Research appealed to Dr. Edward Condon, and a quality that he had displayed continually throughout his distinguished career, patriotic loyalty, and gained his agreement, if the university administration, faculty, and allied institutions would give their support.

FSR comment: the rest is history. The Condon Report left unanswered cases that were truly baffling and defied standard description. Hynek

dropped his overt scepticism and joined other scientists in believing that an alien intelligence was interacting with humans in some way. Was the Condon Report a whitewash? Many, including sympathetic sceptics, think so. Read on...

'Scientific Methodology of the Colorado Project under attack'

From <http://www.ufoskeptic.org/sturrock/17.html>

The title of the Condon Report is "Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects." The great weight attached to this report by scientists, by the public, and perhaps by officers of the Federal Government, is based on the presumption that the study was, in fact, scientific. This has been disputed by a number of individuals, notably McDonald (1969) and Hynek (1972), who make specific criticisms of the methodology of the project. ■

'Astronaut Mitchell Speaks Plainly about Aliens'

Source: 'alt.alien.visitors' - May 3rd 2004

(Quote): Former astronaut Edgar Mitchell, who has spoken frankly with colleagues about UFOs and aliens, but avoided mentioning them in public, recently spoke out on the subject at a recent talk in Florida. He said:

'A few insiders know the truth...and are studying the bodies that have been discovered.'

Waveney Ann Moore writes in the St. Petersburg Times that Mitchell claims that a 'cabal' of insiders stopped briefing presidents about extraterrestrials after President Kennedy. Mitchell has lived with the edge—he was healed of prostate cancer during a healing ceremony. He has founded the Institute of Noetic Sciences (IONS), which investigates 'phenomena that do not necessarily fit conventional scientific models, while maintaining a commitment to scientific rigor.'

IONS member Lisa Raphael says, 'Personally, what was most delightful to me was that he was more open than he has ever been, very direct about knowing that there are other forms of intelligent life in the universe and most probably that they have been here.' (Unquote) ■

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